

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 113

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PLUMBING AND PLUMBERS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2606, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-2617, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURE FOR RENEWAL OF A PLUMBING CONTRACTOR OR JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY, TO PROVIDE TIMING AND PROCEDURE FOR RENEWAL OF A PLUMBING SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR AND SPECIALTY JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-2606, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2606. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE IDAHO PLUMBING BOARD. (1) The board shall have the general administration and supervision of the design, construction, installation, improvement, extension and alteration of plumbing and plumbing systems, except that which has been heretofore and hereinafter exempted from the jurisdiction of this board, in connection with all buildings, residences and structures in this state including buildings, residences and structures owned by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

(2) The division of building safety shall enforce the minimum standards and requirements therefor as provided by this chapter.

(3) The board may exercise such powers and duties as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and it may among other things:

(a) Establish the fees to be charged for permits and inspections of plumbing systems.

(b) Hold public meetings and attend or be represented at such meetings, within or without the state, prepare and publish rules pertaining to this chapter, and such other information as may be necessary, and furnish copies thereof to those engaged in the business, trade, practice or work of plumbing and pipefitting and to the public upon request.

(c) Furnish standards and procedures and prescribe reasonable rules for examinations, qualification and certification of plumbing contractors and journeymen and apprentice plumbers not herein prescribed, including the establishment of continuing education requirements for journeymen and plumbing contractors.

(d) Require the furnishing of a compliance bond by plumbing contractors in an amount not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the contractor classification or evidence of such coverage by a corporate industry group bond acceptable to the board.

~~(e)~~ Furnish standards and procedures and prescribe reasonable rules to provide for the certification of specialty contractors, specialty journeymen, and specialty apprentices, including the furnishing of a compliance bond in an amount not to exceed two thousand

dollars (\$2,000) for the specialty contractor classification or evidence of coverage by a corporate industry group bond acceptable to the board.

~~(e)~~ Establish by administrative rule civil penalties not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each count or separate offense, to be paid for violations of this chapter and rules of the Idaho plumbing board; and to establish by administrative rule the process by which appeals from the imposition of civil penalties may be heard. The board is authorized to affirm, reject, decrease or increase the penalty imposed; however, the board shall not increase any penalty imposed to an amount exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each individual count or separate offense.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-2617, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2617. CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION – RENEWAL – RULES FOR STAGGERED SCHEDULE. (1) Certificates of competency shall be issued for a period of three (3) years, and shall expire three (3) years from the date of issue, unless sooner revoked or suspended.

(2) A certificate of competency for plumbing contractor or journeyman may be renewed at any time during the month prior to its expiration by providing proof of completion of the continuing education requirements as established by the board and compliance with all other renewal requirements of statute or rule. A certificate of competency for plumbing specialty contractor and specialty journeyman may be renewed at any time during the month prior to its expiration by compliance with all renewal requirements of statute or rule.

(3) Failure of any holder to timely renew a certificate of competency shall cause lapse of the certificate, but it may be revived within one (1) year without examination only upon payment of the full initial fee.

~~(3)~~ The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered schedule of issuing and renewing certificates of competency.